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see that Col: Byrd will certainly procure me a Parish worth 100£ ster'l a year, If I can like it, or help me to Commence a Husbandman upon Land of my own, w'ch last, if Rightly understood and managed, is the best employment in the Collony. My good Master, indeed, frequently is pleasant with me, & says why mayn't I be at once Parson & Planter, the one assisting the other; but I never yet believed I cou'd follow two things or leave my Book for any thing unless only to aid & countenance a skillful manager cou'd I find him.

Upon my first observations in this Country Husbandry obtruded itself into my thoughts and set them a projecting how I might cultivate the same; other things failing or not satisfying, nay in any case I could, tho' at last think of no better way for one in my situation, &c., than that uncertain one of inviting over a half a dozen, or even dozen (less or more) of my Laborers & skillful Country People to a partnership with me in the Produce of a Piece of Land I wou'd obtain by Patent, in such manner as that I shou'd contribute my small Money, Interest & directions, &c., & they their moderate Labour as they pleased, with whatever other assistance in their power; upon this foundation of a scheme & contract might be joined that would be the making of all concern'd, in proportion to their respective skill & Labour, & first stock about setling.

If a Company thro' poor luck have not so much money all together as can purchase a piece of good Land & afford Tools for manuring it after their cloathes & passage, there is all Human probability of their Success, if diligent for but a few years.

GENEALOGY.

THE BROOKE FAMILY OF VIRGINIA.

By Prof. St. George Tucker Brooke, Morgantown, W. Va.

(CONTINUED)

In obedience to an order of Essex Co. Court, dated in June, 1768, directing us to settle Mr. John Rose's part of the Executorship of William Brooke, dec'd. It appears that the said Rose proved the last will of the said William Brooke and took upon himself the burden of the Executorship in May, 1765; that some time in May, 1767, the said widow likewise proved the said will, and on the fourth day of December last intermarried with Mr. Richard Hipkins. We have, therefore, examined the books, vouchers and papers relating to the said estate from the time of the Testator's death to the 10th of December, 1767, in which books and particular transactions of each Executor are specified, which will

more fully appear by the Books of Mr. James Anderson Factor for the greatest Creditor to the estate, and we have from those extracted and annexed a general account of the profits on the whole estate during the said time, together with the debts received, the money borrowed and the application of all the said articles. We likewise annexed a list of Balances due to and from the said estate on the 10th day of December, 1767, as far as accounts have been given in to the said John Rose. We are thus particular in stating these affairs because the said John Rose informs us that since May, 1767, he has been an inhabitant of a remote County, and it is impossible for him duly to attend the business of the said estate, and hath therefore left the entire management thereof from the 10th of Dec. last to them, the said Richard and Anne, and the said John Rose in our hearing hath intimated to the said Richard that he is resolved in no way to interfere with the management of the said estate for the future. It is acknowledged by Mr. John Rose and Mr. Hipkins that about two months before the sale of the negroes made by Mr. Hipkins that they and Alexander Rose (one of the Executors named in the will, tho' not acting otherwise than as a friend and adviser), that a sale of some part of the estate was acknowledged necessary to satisfy the Creditors, and that they did not consider that the household furniture ought to be sold before the slaves, as it was especially left to the widow. That since the sale of the slaves the said Hipkins is advised the household furniture ought first to have been sold, which he says he will still sell, as a considerable balance is due from the estate, more than the sale of such furniture will probably amount to. This we certify at the request of Mr. Hipkins, who says all the personal estate except the furniture aforesaid was sold before the negroes, which Mr. John Rose, who was not present, believes to be true.

Given under our hands the 20th day of Aug., 1768.

MUSCOE GARNETT,
JAMES ROSE,
JOHN LEE.

At a Court continued and held for Essex Co., at Tappahannock, on the 20th day of Sept., 1768. This administration account of the estate of William Brooke, dec'd, and the auditor's report was returned and ordered to be recorded.

Contra Cr. with sundries for balance due from them 10th of Dec., 1767.

John Rose, Ex. List as was delivered Mr. Hipkins by Thomas Broadbond:

Bond and interest, - - - -	7.13.7
By Edward Merrill, Balance, - - - -	2.15
By John Benger, Balance of Bond, - - -	95 ,5
By estate of Dorothea Benger, - - - -	4 ,3
By Jeremiah Bizewell, - - - - - -	51.12.7
By John Taliaferro, - - - - - -	2.17.

Received Aug. 20th, 1768, of John, a List of Balances due Dec. 10th, 1768, at which time I entered upon the management of the estate.

RICHARD HIPKINS.

At a Court continued and held for Essex Co., at Tappahannock, on the 20th day of Sept, 1768. This list of balances due the estate of William Brooke, dec'd, was presented in Court and ordered to be recorded.

Test:

JOHN LEE, Cl'k.

A division of the slaves belonging to the estate of William Brooke, dec'd, between Mr. Richard Hipkins, in right of his wife and John Brooke, heir-at-law. Lot No. 1, to the heir-at-law, and Lot No. 2, to Mrs. Hipkins, Jan'ry 25th, 1771.

LIST OF PAPERS TAKEN FROM THE WALL OF BROOKE'S BANK, THE OLD COLONIAL HOUSE BUILT BY MRS. SARAH (TALIAFERRO) BROOKE, WIDOW OF WM. BROOKE, WHO DIED IN 1734.

One grant of land from George II to one Sarah Brooke, widow, of one hundred and eight acres. 1751.

One indenture between William Brooke and Edward Murra and his wife, Martha Murra, in 1727.

Indenture between Sarah Miller, widow, and William Brooke, Gent. March 20th, 1758.

Indenture between William Brooke and Edward Murrough and his wife, 15th of November, 1730, being a grant to Isaac Flowers. 1705.

A receipt to William Brooke, Nov. 17th, 1730.

Four surveys of plots of land, two by Robert Brooke, one by Caleb Lindsay, and one by Edward Nawtey.

Indenture between John Brooke and Richard Hipkins, his step-father (whom Ann Benger Brooke married after the death of Wm. Brooke, her first husband), and the three daughters of Mr. Hipkins. Sept. 29th, 1785.

With this are three other indentures to a piece of land called "The Beaver Dams," to secure the title to Wm. Thornton Brooke, orphan of John Brooke.

Indenture between Phillip Davis and Hannah, his wife, and Sarah Brooke, widow. 13th October, 1743.

Indenture between Phillip Davis and wife, and Mrs. Sarah Brooke, widow, Nov. 13, 1746. One receipt from Mrs. Sarah Brooke to Davis, 1753, and several other papers the private examination of Hannah Davis.

One bundle of small papers and receipts from Mrs. Sarah Brooke, 1734, to Thomas Gatewood, one from Mr. Wm. Brooke to John Thomas and papers of Mr. Gatewood to show a clear title to land purchased from him by the Brookes.

One bundle, date 1702 and 1706, impossible to read.

Indenture to lease of land, between Rice Broche and Wm. Brooke, 1731. One plot of land. In this lease there are papers to secure certain privileges to Elizabeth Wilson by William Brooke and Robert Brooke, Jr., as witness.

One paper, date, 1645, impossible to read.

Copy of grant of land to George Braxton from George II, 1728, second year of his reign. English seal attached to it by a tape. This land was purchased by Wm. Brooke. It was in Spotsylvania, now a part of Orange County.

A letter from Mr. Edmund Pendleton to Mr. Rose, in which he asks him to let Mr. Robert Brooke and Mrs. Sarah Brooke know that it is to be divided, dated July 9th, 1764. This was the Brookesby tract.

Two plots of land. 1728.

Indenture between Thomas Plummer and Sarah Brooke, 2nd of June, 1734. A paper dated 1708, in the reign of Anne, showing Mr. Plummer's title to land bought by Mrs. Sarah Brooke.

A paper from Wm. Robinson, making over his right and title to the land Wm. Brooke bought 24th April, 1730, and a number of papers showing the title to be good.

Papers showing Mr. Short's title to certain lands described, dated 1709.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

A GENEALOGY OF THE HERNDON FAMILY.

(Compiled by JOHN W. HERNDON, Alexandria, Va.)

(CONTINUED)

106. William A. 107. Anne Elizabeth, b. February 17, 1829; d. September 19, 1871, unm. 108. Virginia Lewis, b. August 29, 1831; d. October 16, 1893, unm. 109. Thomas. 110. Zachary B. 111. Huldah Frazer, b. January 26, 1839; m., August 18, 1885, Rev. Edward P. Hawkins, of "Maple Grove," lives Post Oak, Va.; no ch.

106. Dr. William Alexander Herndon,[7] of Culpeper, Va., b. December 3, 1826; d. September 6, 1871; m., September 19, 1849, Elizabeth C. George. Ch: 112. Dr. Cumberland George, b. September 19, 1850, Surgeon U. S. N., lives Navy Yard, Washington, D. C. 113. Elizabeth, b. January 12, 1852, m., May, 1874, Chas. Jones Rixey, lives Culpeper, Va.; ch: I. Chas. Jones, m , May 24, 1901, Irena Stearns (dau. of Franklin and Emily Somers (Palmer) Stearns, of Richmond); II. William Herndon; III. Presley M.; IV. Elizabeth; V. George (dau.); VI. Lulu Henry.

109. Dr. Thomas Herndon,[7] of West Point, Va.; b. February 10, 1834; d. September 22, 1873; m., March 1, 1865, Nannie Sidney Gregory (dau. William W. and Wealthean (Thornton Gregory), b. November 17, 1845; d. December 25, 1872. Ch: I. William Gregory, d. yng.; II. Alexander,